

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, SHUM, CS, AU  
SUBJECT: KREISKY AND CZECHOSLOVAK DISSIDENTS

1. IN COURSE OF PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING MEETING OF GOA  
JANUARY 18, EXCERPTS OF WHICH CARRIED BY AUSTRIAN  
TV LATER SAME EVENING, CHANCELLOR KREISKY WAS QUERIED ON  
HIS REPORTED RECEIPT OF MESSAGE FROM FORMER CZECH CP SECRETARY  
MLYNAR REQUESTING ASSISTANCE AGAINST ACTIONS TAKEN BY  
CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES VIS-A-VIS CSSR DISSIDENTS. KREISKY  
STATED THAT "IF WHAT MLYNAR SAID WAS TRUE, THEN THIS TRUTH IS IN  
GROSS CONTRADICTION TO EVERYTHING SIGNED AT HELSINKI."  
KREISKY INDICATED GOA WOULD NOT REMAIN SILENT AND WOULD  
STUDY HOW IT COULD HELP CSSR DISSIDENTS. CHANCELLOR  
RECALLED THAT IN COURSE OF LAST VISIT TO PRAGUE HE HAD  
TOLD CSSR AUTHORITIES THAT AUSTRIA WOULD BE WILLING TO  
ACCEPT AND GRANT ASYLUM TO ALL THOSE IMPRESONED FOR  
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POLITICAL REASONS.

2. IN RESPONSE FURTHER PRESS QUERY, KREISKY RULED OUT JOINT  
ACTION ON BEHALF OF DISSIDENTS WITH COMMUNISTS IN  
WESTERN EUROPE, "EVEN ITALIAN COMMUNISTS WHO HAVE NOT  
YET PASSED THEIR TESTS AS DEMOCRATS." KREISKY  
ADDED HE EXPECTED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH SOCIALIST

INTERNATIONAL LEADERS BRANDT AND PALME ON POSSIBLE  
MOVES TO ASSIST DISSIDENTS.

3. COMMUNIST VOLKSSTIMME OF JANUARY 19, IN IMMEDIATE  
RESPONSE TO CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS, DECRIED KREISKY'S  
SUPPORT OF CSSR DISSIDENTS AS REPRESENTING VIOLATION  
OF CLAUSE OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT CONCERNING NON-INTERFERENCE  
IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

4. COMMENT: AUSTRIAN MEDIA HAS BEEN GIVING MAJOR  
PLAY TO COVERAGE OF PLIGHT OF DISSIDENTS IN EE  
COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN CSSR. IN  
LATTER CASE, WE UNDERSTAND MAGNITUDE OF MEDIA PLAY  
BEGINNING TO COMPLICATE AUSTRIAN-CSSR RELATIONS.  
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